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ON MAY 6 AT IU FORMER LAW DEAN
WILL SPEAK TO SPEA GRADUATES

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.--Former Indiana University Law Dean S. Jay Plager, now on appointment with the executive office of the president in Washington, D.C., will return to the Bloomington campus May 6 as speaker at a dinner honoring this year's graduates of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Plager is associate director for human resources, veterans and labor in the Office of Management and Budget. He continues on leave of absence from the IU law faculty.

The recognition program includes a reception at 6 p.m. in the Solarium of the Indiana Memorial Union Building, followed by a dinner and Plager's talk at 7 p.m. in nearby Alumni Hall.

Graduation ceremonies for all members of the Class of 1988 at IU Bloomington will be at 10 a.m. May 7 in Memorial Stadium. In the event of rain, the program will be moved to Assembly Hall.

Added to the graduation weekend schedule this year is an open house in the SPEA building immediately following commencement for its degree recipients, their families and friends.

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Plager, a member of the IU law faculty since 1977, and dean from 1977-84, was granted a leave of absence in 1986 to go to Washington to become counselor to the undersecretary of health and human services.

In that capacity he worked on numerous health issues, including a successful effort to improve the Food and Drug Administration's process for making experimental drugs available for desperately ill people. He also was co-chairman of the department's task force on medical liability and malpractice.

His current OMB assignment gives Plager overall responsibility for about 40 percent of the federal budget--more than \$500 billion. This includes budgets for the departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, Veterans Administration, parts of Agriculture and 22 smaller governmental agencies.

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